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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for programming a set-top box to tune to stations associated with a plurality of channel numbers supported by the set-top box, comprising:
 - generating an electronic system guide; and
 - displaying a user-selected option within the electronic system guide that, when selected, causes an auto-program to be processed, the auto-program being instructions adapted for:
 - displaying at least one pop-up for selecting a first source of the plurality of sources from the electronic system guide as a first default source and a second source of the plurality of sources as a second default source,
 - detecting whether a each channel number of the plurality of channel numbers associated with an incoming signal is a non-overlapping channel number or an overlapping channel number, and
 - automatically programming the each channel number of the plurality of channel numbers to tune to a station for receiving television programs provided by the selected first default source in response to the channel number being the non-overlapping channel number and programming the channel number to tune to a station receiving television programs provided by the selected second default source in response to the channel number being the overlapping channel number.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the displaying of the at least one pop-up further comprises generating a menu listing a satellite source and a cable source for a user to select the non-overlapping channel number to tune to a station for receiving television programs provided by a selected one of the satellite source and cable source.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the displaying of the at least one pop-up further comprises generating a menu listing a local TV antenna source and a satellite source for a user to select the non-overlapping channel number to tune to a station for

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receiving television programs provided by a selected one of the local TV antenna source and the satellite source.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to selecting the second source of the plurality of sources, the method comprising generating a menu listing sources of the plurality of sources, including the second source, for the user to select as the selected second source.

5. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a default source to at least one for a plurality of channel numbers usable by a plurality of sources providing a station to transmit television programs, comprising:

a processor configured to generate an electronic system guide identifying the plurality of sources; and

a selector controlled by the processor to 1) select a first default source of the plurality of sources in response to detecting a non-overlapping channel number for television programs provided by the plurality of sources and automatically program the system to tune to a station for receiving television programs provided by the first default source, and 2) select a second default source of the plurality of sources in response to detecting an overlapping channel number for television programs provided by the plurality of sources and automatically program the system to tune to a station for receiving television programs provided by the second default source, the selector operating on all of the plurality of channel numbers supported by the system.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the processor is also configured to generate a menu listing a satellite source and a cable source for a user to select such that the at least one channel number tunes to a station for receiving television programs provided by a selected one of the satellite source and cable source.

7. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the processor is also configured to generate a menu listing a local TV antenna source and a satellite source for a user to select such that the at least one channel number tunes to a station for receiving television programs provided by a selected one of the local TV antenna source and satellite source.

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8. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the television programs are transmitted using one of an analog signal and a digital signal.

9-17. (Cancelled.)

18. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a default source to channel numbers, comprising:

a processor configured to (1) generate an electronic system guide including an auto-program option to automatically program the channel numbers by a first default source and a second default source, (2) determine if there are overlapping channel numbers among the channel numbers, (3) automatically programming each overlapping channel number to tune to the second default source in response to determining there are overlapping channel numbers, and (4) automatically programming any non-overlapping channel number, being the channel numbers that are not overlapping, to tune to the first default source in response to determining there are non-overlapping channel numbers among the channel numbers; and

a selector controlled by the processor to (1) select the first default source such that each of the non-overlapping channel numbers tunes to a station for receiving television programs provided by the first default source, and (2) select the second default source such that each of the overlapping channel numbers tunes to a station for receiving television programs provided by the second default source.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the first default source is one of a local TV antenna source, cable source, and satellite source.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the second default source is one of a local TV antenna source, cable source, and satellite source.

21. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture including one or more computer readable media with executable instructions therein, which, when executed by a processing device causes the processing device to:

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display at least one pop-up for selecting a first source of the plurality of sources from ~~the~~an electronic system guide as a first default source and a second source of the plurality of sources as a second default source,

detect whether ~~a~~each channel number associated with an incoming signal is a non-overlapping channel number or an overlapping channel number; and

automatically programming ~~the~~each channel number to tune to a station for receiving television programs provided by the selected first default source in response to ~~the~~a corresponding channel number being the non-overlapping channel number and programming ~~the~~each channel number to tune to a station receiving television programs provided by the selected second default source in response to the corresponding channel number being the overlapping channel number.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the overlapping channel numbers are channel numbers that are used by a first plurality of channel numbers associated with the first default source and a second plurality of channel numbers associated with the second default source.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the selection of the first default source and the second default source is automatic.